# **INDY READS**

The mission of Indy Reads is to promote and improve the literacy of adults and families in Central Indiana.

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#### INDY READS SERVICES

#### 30 years of literacy programs

- One on one tutoring
- ESL classes
- Community labs
- Criminal justice labs (GOAL Get Out and Learn)
- Family literacy
- Indy Reads Books, community bookstore
- Boone County expansion

# **2012 NUMBERS**

700+ Students matched with tutors

550+ Literacy lab students

150 Criminal justice students (GOAL)

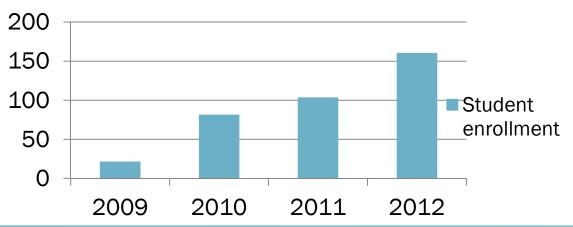
Total: 1,400 students served

800+Volunteers

# GOAL (GET OUT AND LEARN)

A JAIL LITERACY PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO INMATES WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS

4 LOCATIONS
16 HOURS OF TUTORING/WEEK
25+ VOLUNTEERS



#### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Increased literacy skills
- Job searching and retention skills
- Reduction in recidivism
- Healthier family connection
- Increased life skills and problem solving
- Safer communities

# **METHOD**

- Literacy assessment
- Spelling test
- English grammar worksheets
- Essay writing

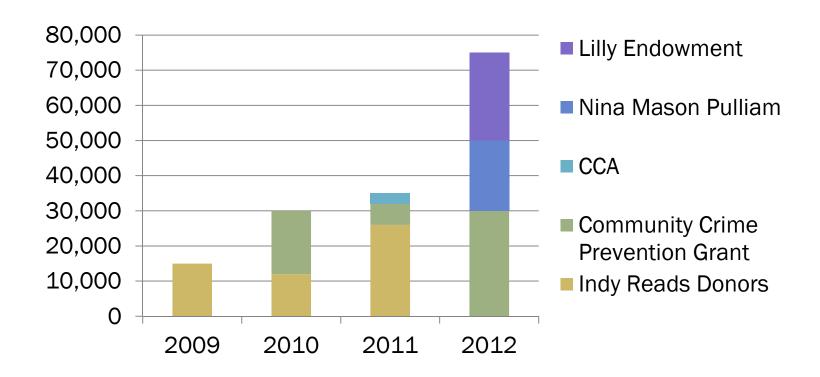
### DATA COLLECTION

- Dr. Thomas Stucky, Criminal Justice and Public Safety
   Programs IU SPEA
- IN Dept. of Corrections
- IN Dept. Workforce Development
- Prosecutor's Office and the Marion County Jail

# **EXPENSES**

- Fulltime Criminal Justice Literacy Specialist
- Volunteer tutor recruitment & training
- Curriculum
- IUPUI data collection and reporting

# **BUDGET**



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